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Editor  
Norwalk Hour  
346 Main Avenue  
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Dear Sir:

Your 30 June editorial stating that I must have been involved in illegalities during my 31 year career with the Central Intelligence Agency represents a grave injustice not only to me, personally, but to the many dedicated CIA employees who honorably serve their country, often with great personal sacrifice.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence conducted a scrupulous investigation of me to ensure my worthiness for the position of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. If you check the public record of that investigation and my subsequent confirmation hearing, you will find it replete with references to my "honesty, integrity and forthrightness." I believe the Committee's unanimous endorsement of my nomination represented a strong vote of confidence both in my integrity and that of the institution I have served for 31 years.

Your readers deserve to know that we in CIA take pride in living up to the confidence President Reagan expressed in us during his recent visit to the Agency when he said, "I have full confidence that you will do your job vigorously and imaginatively while making sure that your activity is lawful, constitutional, and in keeping with the traditions of our way of life."

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon